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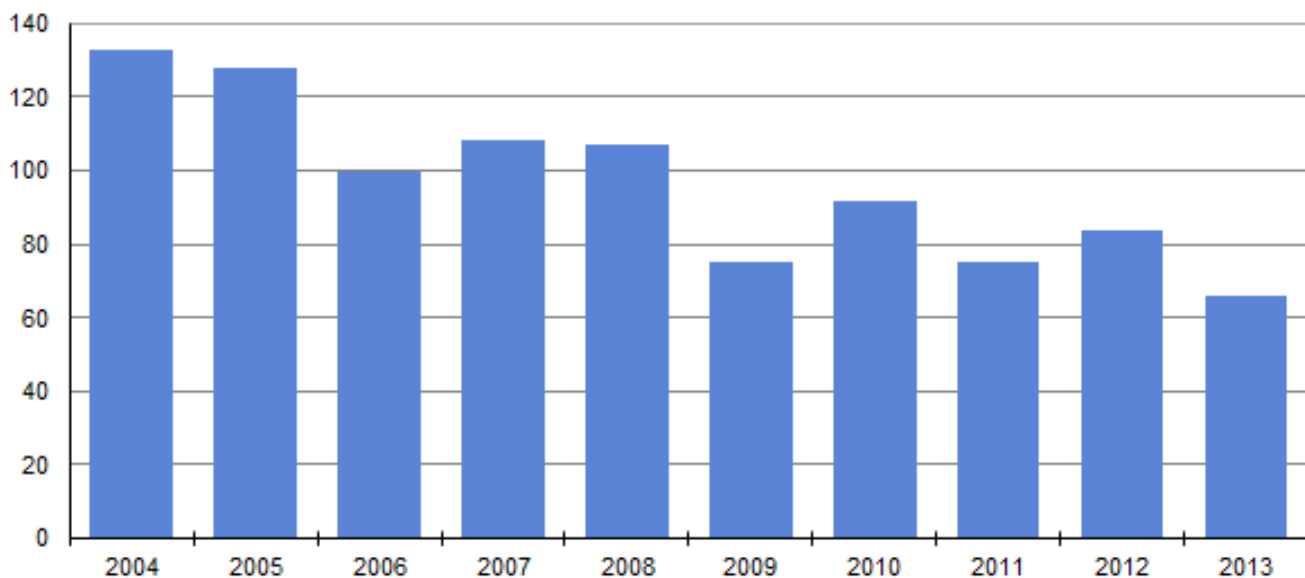
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Fatal Work Injuries in Alabama-2013

Fatal work injuries totaled 66 in 2013 for Alabama, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that while the 2013 count was preliminary, the number of work-related fatalities in Alabama decreased by 18 over the year. Fatal occupational injuries in the state have ranged from a high of 155 in 1996 to this year's low of 66. Over the last 5 years, the number of fatalities has remained below 100. (See [chart 1.](#))

Nationwide, a preliminary total of 4,405 fatal work injuries was recorded in 2013, down from a final count of 4,628 fatal work injuries in 2012, according to results from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program. Final 2013 CFOI data will be released in spring 2015.

Chart 1. Total fatal occupational injuries, Alabama, 2004-2013



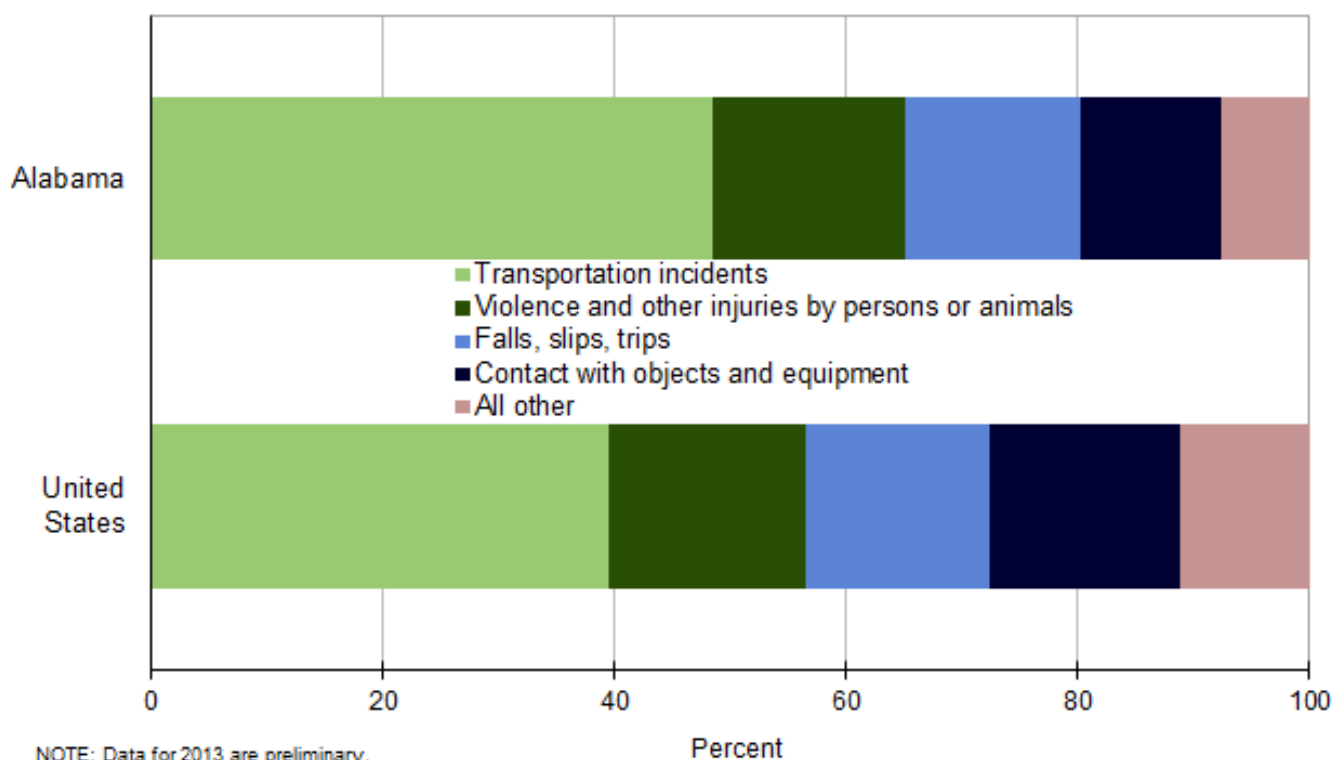
NOTE: Data for 2013 are preliminary.
SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Of the 66 fatal work injuries reported in Alabama in 2013, 32 resulted from transportation incidents, followed by violence and other injuries by persons or animals (11); and falls, slips, or trips (10).

Together these three major categories accounted for more than three-quarters of all fatal work injuries in the state. Other major event categories each reported less than 10 deaths. (See [table 1](#).) Within transportation incidents, roadway incidents was the most frequent type of workplace fatality with 19 deaths, accounting for more than one-fourth of all on-the-job fatalities in the state. In the violence and other injuries by persons or animals, nine deaths occurred from intentional injury by a person. Falls to a lower level accounted for nine fatalities within the falls, slips, or trips category. (Note that transportation counts presented in this release are expected to rise when updated 2013 data are released in spring 2015 because key source documentation detailing specific transportation-related incidents has not yet been received.)

In the United States, transportation incidents was also the most frequent fatal workplace event in 2013, accounting for 40 percent of fatal work injuries. Alabama's share of on-the-job fatalities due to this event was 48 percent. (See [chart 2](#).) Violence and other injuries by persons or animals was the second most frequent type of event nationally with 17 percent of work-related fatalities; the share in Alabama was also 17 percent. Contact with objects or equipment and falls, slips, or trips each accounted for 16 percent of the nation's workplace fatalities.

Chart 2. Fatal occupational injuries by selected event, Alabama and the United States, 2013



Additional key characteristics:

- The trade, transportation, and utilities industry sector had the largest number of fatalities in the state with 20, down from 26 the previous year. (See [table 2](#).) Transportation incidents accounted for 12 of the worker deaths. The construction industry had the second highest fatality count with 17.
- Transportation and material moving occupations had the highest number of fatal work injuries with 23. (See [table 3](#).) Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers accounted for 16 of these deaths. Workers in

construction and extraction occupations had the next highest fatality count at 14.

- Men accounted for 65, or 98 percent, of the work-related fatalities in the state. (See [table 4](#).) Transportation incidents made up nearly half of these fatalities.
- In Alabama, 71 percent of those who died from a workplace injury were white non-Hispanics. Nationwide, this group accounted for 68 percent of work-related deaths.
- Workers 25-54 years old—the prime working age group—accounted for 43, or 65 percent, of the state’s work-related fatalities in 2013. Nationally, workers in this group accounted for 60 percent of on-the-job fatalities.
- Of the 66 persons that suffered fatal work injuries in Alabama, 89 percent worked for wages and salaries; the remainder were self-employed. The most frequent fatal event for wage and salary workers was transportation incidents.

Technical Note

Background of the program. The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, part of the BLS occupational safety and health statistics program, compiles a count of all fatal work injuries occurring in the United States during the calendar year. The program uses diverse state, federal, and independent data sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. This assures counts are as complete and accurate as possible.

For technical information about the CFOI program, please go to the BLS Handbook of Methods on the BLS web site at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/homch9.htm.

Federal/State agency coverage. The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries includes data for all fatal work injuries, whether the decedent was working in a job covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or other federal or state agencies or was outside the scope of regulatory coverage. Thus, any comparison between the BLS fatality census counts and those released by other agencies should take into account the different coverage requirements and definitions being used by each agency.

Acknowledgments. The Bureau of Labor Statistics appreciates the efforts of all federal, state, local, and private sector entities that submitted source documents used to identify fatal work injuries, in particular the Alabama Department of Labor.

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Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure, Alabama, 2012-2013

Event or exposure ⁽¹⁾	2012 ⁽²⁾	2013 ^(P)	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total	84	66	100
Violence and other injuries by persons or animals	20	11	17
Intentional injury by person	20	9	14
Intentional injury by other person	13	4	6
Shooting by other person--intentional	11	4	6
Self-inflicted injury--intentional	7	5	8
Injury by person--unintentional or intent unknown	--	2	3
Injury by other person--unintentional or intent unknown	--	1	2
Shooting by other person--unintentional	--	1	2
Self-inflicted injury--unintentional or intent unknown	--	1	2
Self-inflicted shooting--unintentional	--	1	2
Transportation incidents	32	32	48
Aircraft incidents	--	2	3
Aircraft crash during takeoff or landing	--	2	3
Pedestrian vehicular incident	--	5	8
Water vehicle incidents	--	2	3
Water vehicle collisions	--	1	2
Collision between water vehicle and object	--	1	2
Machinery or equipment incident on water vehicle	--	1	2
Roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicle	21	19	29
Roadway collision with other vehicle	11	7	11
Roadway collision--moving perpendicularly	--	3	5
Roadway collision with object other than vehicle	8	6	9
Vehicle struck object or animal on side of roadway	7	6	9
Roadway noncollision incident	--	6	9
Jack-knifed or overturned, roadway	--	5	8
Nonroadway incident involving motorized land vehicles	4	3	5
Nonroadway noncollision incident	--	3	5
Jack-knifed or overturned, nonroadway	--	3	5
Falls, slips, trips	8	10	15
Falls on same level	--	1	2
Fall on same level due to tripping	--	1	2
Fall on same level due to tripping over an object	--	1	2
Falls to lower level	7	9	14
Other fall to lower level	4	5	8
Exposure to harmful substances or environments	3	4	6
Exposure to electricity	3	3	5
Contact with objects and equipment	20	8	12
Struck by object or equipment	14	7	11

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure, Alabama, 2012-2013 - Continued

Event or exposure ⁽¹⁾	2012 ⁽²⁾	2013 ^(p)	
	Number	Number	Percent
Struck by powered vehicle--nontransport	6	3	5
Struck by swinging part of powered vehicle	--	1	2

⁽¹⁾ Based on the BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS) 2.01 implemented for 2011 data forward.

⁽²⁾ Totals for 2012 are revised and final.

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NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding. CFOI fatality counts exclude illness-related deaths unless precipitated by an injury event.

Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by industry, Alabama, 2012-2013

Industry ⁽¹⁾	2012 ⁽²⁾	2013 ^(P)	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total	84	66	100
Private industry.....	74	57	86
Natural resources and mining.....	8	8	12
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	4	7	11
Forestry and logging.....	--	5	8
Logging	--	5	8
Mining ⁽³⁾	4	1	2
Mining (except oil and gas)	4	1	2
Coal mining	3	1	2
Bituminous coal underground mining.....	1	1	2
Construction.....	14	17	26
Construction of buildings.....	--	3	5
Residential remodelers.....	--	1	2
Nonresidential building construction.....	--	1	2
Commercial and institutional building construction	--	1	2
Heavy and civil engineering construction.....	1	3	5
Utility system construction.....	--	1	2
Power and communication line and related structures construction	--	1	2
Highway, street, and bridge construction	--	1	2
Specialty trade contractors.....	12	10	15
Foundation, structure, and building exterior contractors.....	4	3	5
Building finishing contractors	--	3	5
Painting and wall covering contractors	--	3	5
Manufacturing.....	10	5	8
Food manufacturing	--	1	2
Dairy product manufacturing	--	1	2
Dairy product (except frozen) manufacturing.....	--	1	2
Primary metal manufacturing	--	1	2
Steel product manufacturing from purchased steel.....	--	1	2
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	26	20	30
Utilities.....	--	1	2
Electric power generation, transmission and distribution	--	1	2
Electric power generation	--	1	2
Nuclear electric power generation	--	1	2
Wholesale trade	3	1	2
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods.....	--	1	2
Petroleum and petroleum products merchant wholesalers.....	--	1	2
Retail trade.....	9	5	8
Food and beverage stores	3	2	3

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by industry, Alabama, 2012-2013 - Continued

Industry ⁽¹⁾	2012 ⁽²⁾	2013 ^(p)	
	Number	Number	Percent
Grocery stores	3	2	3
Convenience stores	--	1	2
Transportation and warehousing	14	13	20
Air transportation	--	2	3
Scheduled air transportation	--	2	3
Truck transportation	9	9	14
General freight trucking	4	5	8
General freight trucking, long-distance	4	4	6
Specialized freight trucking	5	4	6
Support activities for transportation	4	1	2
Support activities for water transportation	--	1	2
Marine cargo handling	--	1	2
Couriers and messengers	--	1	2
Professional and Business Services	9	--	--
Administrative and waste services	8	--	--
Investigation and security services	--	1	2
Investigation, guard, and armored car services	--	1	2
Security guards and patrol services	--	1	2
Educational and health services	--	--	--
Educational services	--	1	2
Elementary and secondary schools	--	1	2
Healthcare and social assistance	--	--	--
Hospitals	--	1	2
General medical and surgical hospitals	--	1	2
Government ⁽⁴⁾	10	9	14
Federal government	7	1	2
State government	1	1	2
Local government	--	7	11

⁽¹⁾ Industry data are based on the North American Industry Classification System, 2007. Total may include other industries not shown.

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⁽³⁾ Includes fatal injuries at all establishments categorized as Mining (Sector 21) in the North American Industry Classification System, including establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) rules and reporting, such as those in Oil and Gas Extraction.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes fatal injuries to workers employed by governmental organizations regardless of industry.

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Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation, Alabama, 2012-2013

Occupation ⁽¹⁾	2012 ⁽²⁾	2013 ^(P)	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total	84	66	100
Management occupations	--	3	5
Construction managers	--	1	2
Architecture and engineering occupations	--	2	3
Engineers	--	2	3
Industrial engineers, including health and safety	--	1	2
Mechanical engineers	--	1	2
Protective service occupations	6	7	11
Law enforcement workers	3	4	6
Bailiffs, correctional officers, and jailers	--	1	2
Correctional officers and jailers	--	1	2
Detectives and criminal investigators	1	1	2
Police officers	--	2	3
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	--	2	3
Other protective service workers	3	2	3
Security guards and gaming surveillance officers	3	2	3
Security guards	3	2	3
Sales and related occupations	6	4	6
Supervisors of sales workers	3	1	2
First-line supervisors of sales workers	3	1	2
First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	3	1	2
Retail sales workers	3	3	5
Cashiers	--	1	2
Counter and rental clerks and parts salespersons	--	1	2
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	3	--	--
Forest, conservation, and logging workers	--	1	2
Logging workers	--	1	2
Fallers	--	1	2
Construction and extraction occupations	12	14	21
Supervisors of construction and extraction workers	1	1	2
Construction trades workers	9	12	18
Construction laborers	3	3	5
Painters and paperhangers	--	4	6
Painters, construction and maintenance	--	4	6
Helpers, construction trades	--	1	2
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	13	6	9
Other installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	4	4	6
Maintenance and repair workers, general	--	1	2
Miscellaneous installation, maintenance, and repair workers	--	1	2

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation, Alabama, 2012-2013 - Continued

Occupation ⁽¹⁾	2012 ⁽²⁾	2013 ^(p)	
	Number	Number	Percent
Riggers.....	--	1	2
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	26	23	35
Air transportation workers.....	--	2	3
Aircraft pilots and flight engineers.....	--	2	3
Airline pilots, copilots, and flight engineers	--	2	3
Motor vehicle operators	22	17	26
Bus drivers.....	--	1	2
Bus drivers, school or special client.....	--	1	2
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers.....	21	16	24
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	17	16	24
Other transportation workers	--	1	2
Material moving workers.....	4	3	5

⁽¹⁾ Occupation data are based on the Standard Occupational Classification system, 2010. Total may include occupations not shown.

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Table 4. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics, Alabama, 2012-2013

Worker characteristics	2012 ⁽¹⁾	2013 ^(p)	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total	84	66	100
Employee status			
Wage and salary ⁽²⁾	74	59	89
Self-employed ⁽³⁾	10	7	11
Gender			
Men	77	65	98
Women	7	1	2
Age ⁽⁴⁾			
20 to 24 years	5	4	6
25 to 34 years	11	17	26
35 to 44 years	16	9	14
45 to 54 years	27	17	26
55 to 64 years	15	15	23
65 years and over	9	4	6
Race or ethnic origin ⁽⁵⁾			
White, non-Hispanic	67	47	71
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic	11	12	18
Hispanic or Latino	5	6	9

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⁽²⁾ May include volunteers and workers receiving other types of compensation.

⁽³⁾ Includes self-employed workers, owners of unincorporated businesses and farms, paid and unpaid family workers, and may include some owners of incorporated businesses or members of partnerships.

⁽⁴⁾ Information may not be available for all age groups.

⁽⁵⁾ Persons identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. The race categories shown exclude Hispanic and Latino workers.

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